

Alumni news

We welcome news and/or photos from our alumni to post on this website and in future issues of the *Menschenings* newsletter. Alumni and Alumni parents, please e-mail your news to sblack@ssdsabq.org.

Mariel Graeber ('99) traveled to Israel on the Birthright Israel program, summer 2007.

Ashley Mayo ('99) went to Israel on the Young Judea Year Course. While there, she studied for three months, volunteered at a school for kids with Cerebral Palsy, taught English to troubled teenagers at a youth village and traveled around the country. She will study psychology at UNM this fall.

Elana Black ('02) will spend spring semester, 2008, in Israel on the EIE program (Eisendrath International Exchange)

Zach Rosenberg ('00) graduated from Sandia Prep '07 and is attending Occidental College in California.

Evan Bobrick ('00) graduated from the Albuquerque Academy, '07, and is attending UNM.

Nate Steinberg ('00) graduated from Sandia High School, '07, and is an education major at UNM this year.

David Siegal ('05) David won second place in Albuquerque for the Lion's Club Peace Poster Contest—an international competition to create a poster symbolizing world peace. Congratulations!

David Pfeffer ('03) has been cast as the deep voice of the insatiable, man-eating plant in the CAST (Congregation Albert Student Theater) production of *Little Shop of Horrors*, February 28, March 1 & 2, 2008 at Congregation Albert. **Ethan Black ('05)** is Audrey's sadistic dentist/boyfriend, **Zoe Goldblum ('06)**, **Becca Mazie ('07)** and **Melissa Ellis ('05)** are backup singers.

E-MAIL FROM ALUMNI STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

Yoni Tunik (attended in 2000 from Israel) Hello. My name is Yoni. I attended SSDS in Albuquerque back in 2000 for 1 semester. Between semesters I went back to Israel and lost touch with the school. I would like to know how the school is doing as it is still very dear to me. I would love it if anyone could reply.

Sincerely,

Yoni (yonitunik@walla.com)

Curtis Rees (alumni teacher 1997-99)

Dear SSDS of ABQ,

I found your website and wanted to drop a line from the Rees family . . .

Greetings from Wisconsin. It has been ten years since I began my career in education as a teacher when SSDS was at B'nai Israel. I just wanted to drop a line to say hello to my friends and former students (who are quite old by now but maybe have siblings still in school) in Albuquerque. (I was the Gimel/Dalet teacher in 1997-98 and then taught the Gimel class in 1998-99).

After leaving Albuquerque in 1999, my wife and I moved to St. Louis for four years where I taught 3rd and 6th grade and then completed my M.S. in Education and Administration at Southern Illinois University. Keely was an assistant Professor of Health Education at SIUE. While living there, our son Gavin was born in 2002. We currently live in LaCrosse, WI where we've been since 2003. I am the principal of Northern Hills Elementary and Keely is now an Associate Professor of Health Education at the University of Wisconsin LaCrosse. Gavin starts Kindergarten this fall and our daughter Harper is 20 months old.

While living in St. Louis we had several SSDS visitors (Pfeffers, Boyds, and Segovias) and would welcome any visitors traveling here in Wisconsin.

Take care and drop us a line. (reecu@webmail.onalaska.k12.wi.us).

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